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VOTERS OF ARCADEA

Interested in the County Good Road
Vote April 7

PROS. ATTY. RENDERS OPINION

And to Make County Vote Complete Township
Board Submits Proposition.

April 7 the voters of Gratiot county will have the opportunity of voting on the county road system. The township of Arcadea has been for some time under the county road system and it has been a subject of much discussion whether the voters of that township had the right to vote on the county system without first voting themselves out from under the township system. The matter was referred to Prosecuting Attorney Everden for his opinion the first of which was received March 19 and read as follows:

Ithaca, Mich., Mar., 19, 1913.

Fred Bradford,

Supervisor Arcadea Township.
Dear Sir:—You asked me for my construction of opinion upon the various provisions of Sec. 31 of Ch. 4 of Act No. 283 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1909.

Arcaea township is under the township system for the construction of roads and has been for a number of years. I assume that all the proceedings relative to the taking of such steps were legally taken. The Board of Supervisors has voted to submit to the electors of the county at the spring election the question of whether or not the county shall adopt the county road system as provided in Sec. 4 of said Act. No question is raised but that the township of Arcaea has built roads and has raised money in good faith under the law, under which it is acting and has acted for the past ten years. Now, the first question that arises is, can the qualified electors of such townships vote upon the proposition at the April election, "Shall the County of Gratiot Adopt the County Road System?" without first having voted to abolish the system under which they are operating as provided in said Sec. 31. It is possible for the electors of any township in the county which has adopted and which is operating under the township system to say by their votes, "The County shall adopt the County road system and this township still continue operating under the township system." Can the electors of one township, by their votes, say to the balance of the county, you shall have the county road system, and we will remain under the township system? Can the electors of one township control the highway system on another township? I think not. Does the voting by the voters of the township upon the proposition to adopt the County Road System (providing they vote upon it) take the township out from under its present system? I think not. The vote in order to be effective in abolishing the present system must be square upon that proposition so that every voter may understand, shall the voters of Arcadea Township abolish the township system of highway, yes or no. This may not be the exact language of the necessary ballot but it is the essence of it. I do not think the township can abolish its present system of construction and repairing of highways indirectly.

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Republican Candidate for the Office of Mayor of the City of Alma

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COUNCIL MEETING

Bids Rejected for Cemetery Vault—
Henry Soule Low Bidder.

CITY BOOKS AUDITED

Mayor Montigel Makes Proposition to Adjust
Electric Light Co.'s Claim

Alma, Mich., March 25, 1913.
Regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alma in Council rooms on the above date.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. J. M. Montigel. Present: Aldermen Olmsted, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook, and Fraker.

There being a quorum present the Council was declared to be in session. The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

On motion of Alderman Pulfrey, supported by Alderman Cook, that they proceed to open bids for the Post cemetery vault, which bids were as follows: Milliken & Hutchinson of Shephard bid was \$2,690.70; Intzia & Wood, Alma, bid was \$3,406.25; Henry Soule bid was \$2,000.00.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Pulfrey, that all bids received for the Post vault be rejected, and that the Clerk be instructed to ask for new bids for Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 o'clock, p.m. Which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Olmsted, Willard, Pulfrey, Cook and Fraker. Nays—None.

On motion of Alderman Pulfrey, supported by Alderman Cook, that the report of the Treasurer be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

Alma, Mich., March 22, 1913.
To the Honorable the Mayor and the Common Council.

Gentlemen—Your Special Committee appointed to audit the books of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer beg leave to report that we have compared the pay orders with their stubs, and found them to agree, and we have cancelled the same. We compared the orders and other vouchers with the entries in the Clerk's book and with the Treasurer's book, and found them to agree, due allowance having been made for outstanding and unpaid orders at the beginning and at the close of the year covered by the report.

The books are now in balance as to cash on hand in the various funds, and with regard to each other, except for two outstanding and unpaid orders amounting to \$32.01. The cash balance according to the Treasurer's book agrees with the amount to his credit in the banks as shown by his bank books and certificates of deposit. His balance, March 19th, was \$36,754.79 with \$32.01 outstanding and unpaid orders, making the Clerk's balance \$36,722.78.

We wish to commend the Clerk and the Treasurer for the excellent condition of their accounts.

ALBERT P. COOK,
A. H. OLMSTED,
Committee.

On motion of Alderman Pulfrey, supported by Alderman Willard, that the report of the committee be accepted and spread on record.

Motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Pulfrey, supported by Alderman Cook, that the petition to extend sewer on Block 45 River avenue be referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Motion carried.

To the Common Council of the City of Alma.
Gentlemen—The Mayor would respectfully report that he has had a conference with Mr. L. A. Sharp of the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. in regard to getting some more concessions from their claim as presented. I would report that after going over the matter carefully with Mr. Sharp, he has consented to reduce it \$268.69, making a total as now asked by them \$856.69. This amount, I think, is still too high; I would therefore recommend that we attempt to arbitrate the matter. I would recommend that the City Council appoint some experienced man, the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. to do the same, these two men to appoint the third man, the three being experienced men, I believe we can arrive at a just amount for us to pay quicker than any other way.

J. M. MONTIGEL,
On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Pulfrey, that the recommendation of the Mayor be accepted as recommended.

Motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Fraker, that the Mayor be asked to continue his work with the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. relative to a settlement.

Motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Pulfrey, that the

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MASONIC MINSTRELS

dome Talent Plays to Immense Business—Large Crowds Both Nights

TEMPLE FUND GETS BENEFIT

F. H. Rowland Receives Floral Offering From His Friends

The Masonic Minstrel show season of 1913 is now a thing of the past. However, had Hi Henry or Thatcher, Primrose & West, of minstrel fame, been present Tuesday night Alma would be shy a number of her prominent citizens as a result of the tempting salaries they would have received. It is an admitted fact that the curtain never went up for a Thatcher, Primrose & West entertainment that presented a more attractive appearance than did the twelve end men, interlocutor and chorus last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The opening chorus, "Dixie," was rendered in a manner that would produce a feeling of envy in the heart of any of the old jubilee singers had they been fortunate enough to be present.

The jokes of the evening were clean, refined, and to use a slang expression, "not a bad one." F. H. Rowland, John Chick, Vern Wright, Maynard Pringle, Vern Gardner and H. C. Moore could any one of them furnish an evening entertainment alone that the statement was not an exaggerated one was proven by the applause which greeted their appearance before the audience each and every one of them having to respond to encores, while in the case of Mr. Rowland a huge bouquet of flowers was sent to the stage by one of his enthusiastic admirers.

One of the pleasing features of the evening was the appearance of "Messrs. Bones and Tambo," well known to Alma people as the McKenzie Bros. They immediately ingratiated themselves with the audience by presenting one of the best and funniest exhibitions of buck, wing and fancy dancing seen in Alma in many a day. The gentlemen certainly proved an attractive feature of the evening's entertainment.

"The Dutchman and the Jew," and "An Outburst of Enthusiasm," as presented by Messrs. J. H. Gillett, Allie Jones and C. E. VanSickle of St. Johns, was the occasion of long and continued applause.

Part three of the program was entitled, "Old Kentucky Home." In this part of the program John Chick as "Old Black Joe," an ex-slave 80 years old, showed his ability as an imitator taking the role assigned him in an excellent manner. Henry Miner, as the owner of the plantation, Miss Bertha McLaren as "Viola Maynard," John Dunham as "Charlie Doolittle," Viola's sweetheart, John Knoertzer as the money lender, all took their various parts in a manner that aroused the admiration of their many friends throughout the audience.

The cast also included "Mrs. Alice Wilson, a widow." This part was assigned to Miss Harriett McGreaham, who, gowned in black, made a fascinating appearance captivating not only the attention of "Arthur Maynard" but the audience as well. Frank Parker as "a slick one," and C. G. Rhodes as his "pal," proved themselves money getters of rare ability. Mr. Rhodes, who took the part of a statue valued at \$500, and later that of a valuable dog which "Harvey Slick" disposed of for a thousand, again proved his ability as an entertainer. The part of Chlorinda Sourgrass was admirably taken by Miss Minnie Cook.

The members of F. & A. M. No. 244 are to be congratulated upon the success attending their efforts to increase their Temple building fund.

DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

Held in the City Hall Last Friday Evening

CITY AND WARD TICKETS NAMED

E. C. Crandell for Mayor, and F. O. Grover for Treasurer.

The Democratic convention last Friday evening was called to order by W. A. Bahlke, who called DeWitt Vought to the chair. W. W. Caple was chosen secretary and F. O. Grover and V. P. Cash were named as tellers. The officers were sworn in by W. A. Bahlke, after which, upon motion, the convention was divided into wards and the following ward tickets named. The ward nominations being later ratified by the members of the city convention.

FIRST WARD.

Supervisor—L. N. Baker.
Alderman, two years—C. H. Jessup.
Alderman, one year—E. Hasbrook.

SECOND WARD.

Supervisor—Isaac Russell.
Alderman—W. W. Caple.
Constable—J. Morrison.

THIRD WARD.

Supervisor—John Sullivan.
Alderman—Ben Carter.
Constable—Ezra Robinson.

FOURTH WARD.

Supervisor—J. D. Helman.
Alderman—E. C. Lake.
Constable—G. Greenhoe.

Following the meeting of the ward caucuses the convention was called to order and P. W. Creaser placed in nomination for the office of Mayor Mr. E. C. Crandell. Mr. Crandell positively declined the nomination, stating the fact that he had thought he had made it clear to Mr. Creaser that he could not see his way clear to accept the nomination. D. L. Johnson then moved an informal ballot be taken which resulted in Mr. Crandell receiving 27 out of 33 ballots cast. The informal ballot was declared formal and E. C. Crandell declared the unanimous choice of the convention for the office of Mayor. Mr. Crandell, who at this time tried to convince the convention that he was not a candidate, was ruled out of order and Mr. Crandell gracefully submitted to the inevitable.

The office of clerk was left vacant. F. O. Grover for treasurer received the entire vote cast and will be the party's candidate for city treasurer. Albert Mann was named for Justice of the Peace, after which the following city committee was named: P. W. Creaser, George Gargett, Benton Carter, DeWitt Vought. After which the convention adjourned.

NEW GROCERY FIRM.

Mr. N. E. Saad, who has been one of Alma's popular grocers for the past three years, sold his stock of goods Tuesday to G. B. Hickok, Sr. and G. B. Hickok, Jr., who will continue the business in the Redman block under the firm name of G. B. Hickok & Son. The new firm will appreciate an opportunity to do business with all the old patrons and will endeavor to satisfy customers old and new.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION.

Having disposed of my grocery business to the firm of G. B. Hickok & Son, I hereby thank the general public especially my regular customers for the patronage which has enabled me to prosper and develop the business; and should I at some future time again enter the mercantile field I shall hope for the same cordial relations which have thus far existed.

N. E. SAAD.

SUMMER CLOSING HOURS

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to close our respective places of business each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday commencing April 1, at 6:00 p. m., a reasonable time before Thanksgiving and Christmas being excepted:

Mrs. Sylvia Giffney, D. W. Robinson, N. B. Waterman, Mrs. S. B. Cook, M. A. Medler, L. N. Baker, H. B. Stuckey, J. L. Miller & Son, Miller Bros., Ellison's Grocery, Economy Shoe Store, A. R. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Humphreys, J. Cohen & Bro., Fred Slater, G. J. Maier, Mrs. Bart Miller, Wright & Brown, J. P. Looney, A. B. Scattergood, G. B. Porter, J. E. Converse, Crandell & Scott, Smith & Clapp, C. L. & G. M. Delavan, Otto Sanderhoff, C. R. Brewer, P. T. Banghart, Bert Eckert, Caple Hardware Co., G. B. Hickok & Son, Smith Bros.

The Alma night school closed for the season of 1913 Thursday evening.

OTTO SANDERHOFF



Progressive Candidate for the Office of Mayor of the City of Alma

CHINESE FURNITURE.

Crandall & Scott Receive Large Consignment from Hong Kong.

Crandall & Scott, the furniture dealers have just received a large consignment of porch furniture, direct from Hong Kong, China. The importers in speaking of the manufacture of these goods, say:—

The Grass Furniture imported into the United States by this Company, is manufactured in Hong Kong, China, under our own supervision. As a base the best quality Malacca cane is used, the strongest and most elastic rattan known. To the frame work, a fabric of the best grade of reed is woven. No bamboo is used in the construction of our furniture.

At the seat, the frame is bound together with strands of peel cane which adds further strength at the point of heaviest strain. In addition, a support of the same material is woven underneath the seat to prevent sagging.

Sea Grass, gathered from the China Sea and along the Yang-tse-Kiang river, is cured, dried and hand woven into a cord which is then woven through the strands of reed to form a complete, compact article. As this grass grows in the ocean, it naturally offers the greatest resistance to the effects of moisture and is to all intents and purposes waterproof.

This grass being thoroughly impregnated with salt and other mineral substances absorbed while growing, does not burn readily and eliminates the danger always present in articles manufactured from land grass or similar substances. This combination of raw materials produces a resiliency and elasticity impossible to obtain from a rigid wooden frame, and therefore, our goods offer the highest degree of comfort attainable in this class of furniture. The only wood used in the manufacture of our chairs, is the runners on the rockers.

No shellac or other finish is needed and the goods are sold in their natural state. You can scrub them with brush and water, though care should be taken to remove all dust before wetting.

BEAN JOBBERS MEET.

Mr. Ray Kent, grain buyer from Marion, who attended the Bean Jobbers' meeting at the Wright House, Tuesday afternoon, states that the meeting was solely to determine some way of handling the bean crop of 1912. It was largely an experience meeting where each buyer related his experience in handling the wet crop of last year and the combined experiences were esteemed valuable to every man present because he could profit by the experiments of the others. Mr. Kent said that all buyers were doing their best to dispose of the crop in a way that would afford the farmers equitable returns for their labor and establish a definite market. At present the average buyer was in just as difficult a position as the farmer and in many cases his loss would be much greater, and the outlook was not indicative of much improvement.

ARCADEA TOWNSHIP.

Have Bill Before State Legislature.

House Bill Number 491, File Number 171, was introduced by Representative Newell Smith, February 28, and referred to the committee on towns and cities. March 7 it was ordered printed and placed on the general orders. The bill reads as follows: The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1.—The township board of the township of Arcadea of the county of Gratiot, is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars now in the building fund of said township to the highway fund of said township.

Section 2.—This act shall not take effect until approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the township of Arcadea.

C. F. Brown was on the sick list Wednesday of this week.

NAT'L PROGRESSIVES

Met At The City Hall Last Thursday Evening

PASS SET OF RESOLUTIONS

Otto Sanderhoff, the Hardware Merchant, Heads the Ticket.

The members of the National Progressive party held their ward caucuses and city convention at the City Hall last Thursday evening. J. P. Loscy was chosen chairman, Homer Dunham, secretary, Ralph Weed and A. J. Archer were appointed tellers, after which the officers were sworn in by G. H. Carl. A recess was then taken and the convention members divided into wards and proceeded to place in nomination ward tickets as follows:

FIRST WARD.

Supervisor—John Parrish.
Alderman, two years—E. M. Wood.
Alderman, one year—Will Medler.
Constable—Geo. Saxton.

SECOND WARD.

Supervisor—R. S. Swartout.
Alderman—Perry Henry.
Constable—Daniel Zinn.

THIRD WARD.

Supervisor—A. J. Baker.
Alderman—Harry Bassill.
Constable—Wm. Beverly.

FOURTH WARD.

Supervisor—Sam Case.
Alderman—G. B. Porter.
Constable—R. C. Salisbury.

Following the ward nominations the convention members reassembled and named the following city ticket: Mayor—Otto Sanderhoff.

Clerk—L. C. Wright.
Treasurer—G. V. Wright.

The committee on resolutions, consisting of G. S. Youngs, J. W. Glass, F. C. Thornburg, and G. B. Porter, presented a set of resolutions setting forth the ideas of the committee as to the needs of the city. The resolutions were adopted.

The city committee for the ensuing year will consist of George Youngs, John Glass, F. C. Thornburg and Sam Case.

DEATH OF JOHN GREIG

John Greig died at his home, 413 Ely street, Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, after being confined to the house most of the winter suffering with pneumonia.

Mr. Greig was one of the better known of our citizens, having been a resident of Alma nearly twenty-five years; for several years past and up to the time of his death he held the office of Street, Water and Weed Commissioner and was one of the most faithful and hard working officials the city ever had.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, at the Methodist church, and will be in charge of Moyer Post, G. A. R., of which Mr. Greig was a member. The Post will attend in a body.

STANLEY STODDARD WON FIRST PLACE IN ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Monday evening at the local oratorical contest of the High school, Lee Sharrar offered a declamation on War, which did credit to his reputation as a speaker. Miss Nelda Dove spoke on the Death of Nathan Hale, telling a very touching story. Stanley Stoddard delivered "A Message to Garcia," in an earnest, straightforward way which held the attention of his audience, and Paul Cash gave a very able oration on Napoleon Bonaparte. The judges awarded the honors of first place to Mr. Stoddard. The Boys' Glee club was an attractive feature of the program.

BRAINERD HOSPITAL NOTES.

John McNichol has recovered and returned to his home in North Star Monday.

Dan Wood is improving rapidly.

Nurse Parker spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Saginaw.

Mrs. Varnum of Winn is on the gain.

Miss Ethel Bandfield, nurse from Mecosta, returned Monday from a visit home.

ATTENTION NATIONAL PROGRESSIVES.

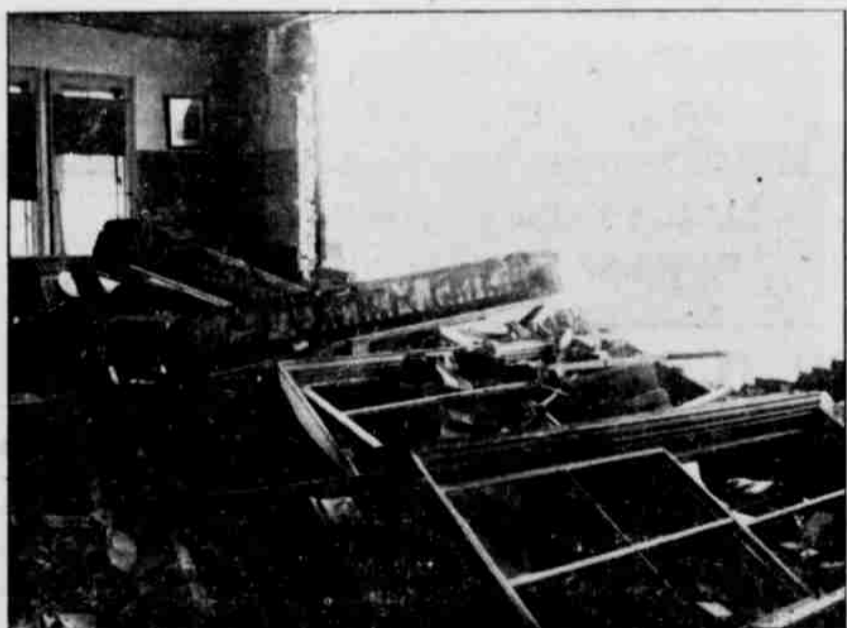
W. J. McDonald will address the public on Monday evening, March 31, at the Realty Opera house, come and bring your friends and hear a good forceful, logical talk by a man who has had more than his share of present day politics. Admission free. Committee.

WEST WALL OF SUMNER SCHOOL BLOWN IN

During Last Friday's Gale—Several of the School Children Barely Escaped With Their Lives

The west wall of the brick schoolhouse at Sumner was blown in just before noon last Friday from the roof to the second floor. About twenty pupils were in this upper room in charge of Principal H. L. Marvin, not suspecting any danger, the dismissal of the school a couple of minutes ahead of the usual time was simply a pleasant to compensate for

the building was tumbling down they all rushed out of doors, but fortunately or perhaps providentially no one was injured. Several years ago, Mr. I. F. Tucker of Sumner declared the building unsafe. A building expert from Saginaw was called in and he declared the building safe and charged the district \$30.00 for the information. Since that time the matter was



The above picture shows one of the school rooms as it appeared after the wall was blown in. The pupils had left this room only a moment before. The debris completely covered the seats.

a previous shortened intermission, and this was all that saved the lives of some of the children at least for the four rows of seats nearest the wall were crushed to the floor by the debris. At the time of the crash Lois Evey, Pearl Lang, Frank Hicks, James Lang, Merle Forquer, Walter Eavey, Wm. Jones and Principal Marvin were still in the room and had to jump for the corners to save themselves. The rest of the scholars were in the cloakroom and hallway getting their wraps. In the room below Miss Alice Seaman had charge of 35 little folks and believing that

dropped, but this break and the bad cracks in the remaining walls seem to indicate that there were grounds for the warning of Mr. Tucker.

The school apparatus as far as was obtainable was removed Saturday to the two halls of the village and the regular session of the school was taken up again Monday, with the first five grades in the Maccabee hall and the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades in Tucker's hall.

The old schoolhouse was built about thirty years ago and a vote will be taken at once on the question of tearing it down and rebuilding.